



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Takeshi YAMANE

Serial No.: 09/867,565

Group Art Unit: 1714

Filed: May 31, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FRICTION MATERIAL AND FRICTION MATERIAL
OBTAINED BY THE PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 15, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) A friction material according to Claim 5, wherein a thermosetting resin which is the binder component is a phenol resin having a curing reaction-initiating temperature of 130°C or more and a softening temperature of 80 to 120°C.

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